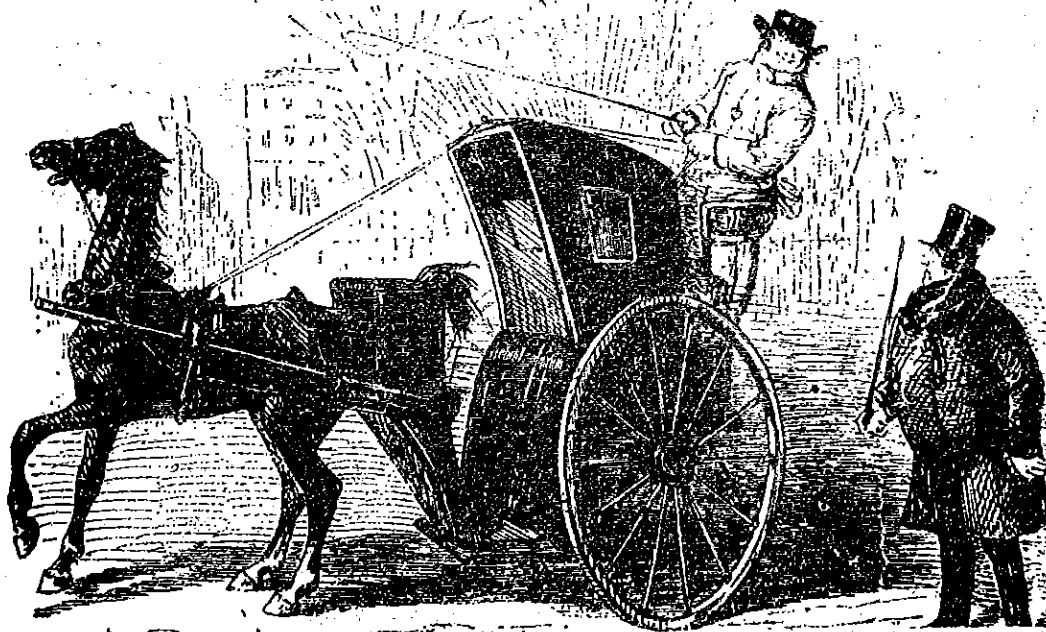


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A VERY HAPPY
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R E T I R E M E N T O F T H E R E C T O R
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In spite of an underlying sadness at the loss of the Rector and his wife, the Farewell Party held on Friday November 1st. for the Rev. and Mrs. John Delve was a most happy and memorable one. Throughout the proceedings a warm, family atmosphere prevailed, and it was very evident that both John and Nora will be greatly missed. As the evening drew to its close they were presented with a Stuart Crystal Rose Bowl and individual pottery plaques, whose centre pieces contained in one, a likeness of the Church, and in the other, the Rectory. Also presented to them were a Bird Bath and a cheque for £1,840.

On the following Sunday both Churches were very well attended for the Rev. John Delve's final services as Rector of Thurlestone with South Milton. However, we were especially pleased that he agreed to return on Christmas Eve to officiate at the Midnight Holy Communion Service at Thurlestone, and there was also a Midnight Holy Communion Service at South Milton conducted by the Bishop of Plymouth, the Right Rev. K.A.Newing.

The period of interregnum is now into its second month and thus far services at both Churches have been maintained, and we are grateful to all visiting Priests and lay Readers who are helping at this time

Now we are moving into the New Year our thoughts inevitably turn to the approaching end of the interregnum and the beginning of a new Ministry in our joint Parishes. Already preparations are in hand for some re-decoration at the Rectory, a customary gesture of welcome to the new incumbent.

We now look forward to the arrival of Prebendary Peter Stephens and his wife, and can give notice that his Induction and Installation should take place at All. Saints, Thurlestone on Monday March 3rd.

M.A.G.

C O M M E N T

Some may consider I am being somewhat facetious about a subject which is certainly no joking matter; the dropping of a nuclear (atom) bomb by an 'aggressor'. The following is an extract from 'Getting Caught Out' written by a Scientific Adviser to the County Council:

"If the attack is indeed in the vicinity, the distance from the explosion would be gauged by the time interval between the flash and the bang (just as with thunder and lighting - each $4\frac{1}{2}$ seconds indicates one mile's distance). This would also indicate the distance from any subsequent fallout should anyone caught outside be downwind of a groundburst. They should stay down and wait for the flash, the blast wave and the recoil shock waves to pass. This may take several minutes, but after 10 minutes they would have a minimum of 20 minutes (if a small groundburst) before the arrival of fallout in which to find shelter of a building. With a 1MT groundburst, the fallout would take at least one hour to descend in the locality of the explosion."

WALTER DEE

District Council Local Plan Response Report

The South Hams District Council have now issued what they term a 'Reponse Report' on the Draft of the Kingsbridge District Plan. They state that, read together with the Draft Plan it will give a clear indication of what the content of the final Plan will be. Here is a copy of the Response Report as it concerns THURLESTONE :

1. SUMMARY OF RESPONSE. 14 written responses were received, including comments from the County Council, Parish Council, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (MAFF), and Thurlestone and South Milton Football Club. The Draft Plan exhibition visited the village and the Parish Council organised a public meeting.
1. DISTRICT COUNCIL'S REACTION: There was considerable public interest in the Draft Plan for the village, although comparatively few written responses were made. The Draft Plan was generally well received.

2. ISSUES RAISED - RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT. There was considerable support from the Parish Council and the public meeting for the principle of provision for housing for locally generated needs. However, there was a division of opinion about the most appropriate site to accommodate such needs. The proposed site RES 1 (behind the Parkfield area) was opposed by the farmer and an agricultural products company on the grounds that it would disrupt agricultural production. The County Council questioned whether it was necessary to allocate sites in the Coastal Preservation Area. No response was received supporting the site.
2. DISTRICT COUNCIL'S REACTION: The means by which the Council can ensure that residential development sites proposed for locally generated needs are indeed occupied and remain in that sector of the market provided a subject of considerable debate on the Draft Plan. It is obviously of considerable importance in Thurlestone, where there is no shortage of land with planning permission for housing, but no housing available for the local first time buyers on low incomes. The lack of support for the proposed site RES 1, and the agricultural objections to it, have led the Council to conclude that it should be deleted in the final Plan.

3. ISSUES RAISED - The alternative housing site in the Draft Plan was unanimously recommended by the Parish Council. Other alternative development sites were suggested:
3. DISTRICT COUNCIL'S REACTION: The amount of local support for the alternative site cannot be ignored. It can be accessed from Seaview Road, has no fundamental agricultural objection, and, although on a prominent site, it does relate well to the existing development and would round off this part of the village. The site is in the Coastal Preservation Area, where there is normally fundamental objection to development. Policy CO10 of the County Structure Plan does allow, however, for development "essential for the benefit of the public at large, which cannot reasonably be accommodated elsewhere". The Council, supported by local opinion and the Parish Council, considers that it is essential that such a site be allocated in the village so as to accommodate locally generated housing needs which could not be satisfied by committed development. No other suitable vacant site exists in the village. Its development is essential in order to encourage and retain a balanced community. The site will therefore be proposed in the final Plan, but its extent may be reduced a little.

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The following District Council comments apply to the other alternative sites suggested:

- (i) to the east of the road from Kerse Cross to Court Park Road (owner) ---in the Coastal Preservation Area, and would also be undesirable extension to the eastern side of the village, where there is a well-defined physical boundary;
- (ii) Land at The Downs (owner) ---in the Coastal Preservation Area, divorced from the main part of the village, with access being difficult onto the local road network;
- (iii) Field OS 1390 (1 response): in the Coastal Preservation Area, and would be an undesirable extension of the north-western part of the village where there is a well-defined physical boundary.

PLAYING FIELD/ PLAY AREA

4. The proposed site in the Draft Plan was opposed by the owners and tenant, on the grounds that it would disrupt agricultural production and create access problems. The Parish Council unanimously recommended in favour of the alternative site, referring to its existing access, proximity to the car park and village hall, and most children living in the area. Local farmers, however, objected to the sites on access grounds, and the disruption to agriculture. They referred to the informal arrangement whereby the Football Club use local fields in rotation so as to minimise agricultural disruption. Football Club members initially supported the alternative proposal, but then the Club responded again, supporting the farmers' scheme, although still welcoming the Parish Council's desire to see a permanent playing field. MAFF favoured the alternative site, if one was needed. 1 response suggested that the need for a playing field should be re-examined when the residential development was completed.

4. DISTRICT COUNCIL REACTION : The proposed site was not well received, and the disruption to agricultural activity would be a particular problem. The proposal will thus be deleted in the final Plan. The alternative site received a good deal of local support, particularly from the Parish Council. The Football Club whilst happy with the arrangement whereby fields were used by them in rotation, would prefer to have a permanent site available. However, the farmers' objection to the proposal cannot be ignored. It would be difficult to negotiate an agreement, and compulsory purchase procedures might well not succeed because of the existence of the arrangement to use other fields. There is little doubt that this is the best site for a permanent playing field/play area. In these circumstances the final Plan will not propose a specific site, although the text will make it clear that this area is the preferred location, and that the Council would support a local initiative to develop it.

OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST: The Draft Plan did not propose Workshops, merely stating that there is potential at the farm near the Hotel.

The Parish Council had suggested a new link should be provided between Kerse Cross and the Links Road to relieve pressure on the narrow village roadway. The suggestion was taken up with the County Council and the County's view is that whilst a new road by-passing the village might be desirable there is no way in which such a scheme could be justified on economic grounds, particularly as funds for highway improvements are being constantly reduced.

The covering letter from the Director of Housing & Planning of the South Hams District Council stated....."I stress that this is not the stage for further comments on the Plan. The appropriate time for comment will be when the final Plan is placed on formal 'deposit' early in the New Year. You will be notified of and when this is and how comments should then be made.

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After this Countdown what are we waiting for?

An article written by 'Villager' based almost entirely on a Report by the Director of Technical Services of South Hams District Council

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Currently no beaches in the South Hams which are designated as bathing beaches according to the Department of Environment definition (500 bathers in the water all at once). It follows that E.C. Directive 76/160, which deals with the quality of bathing waters, does not apply to bathing waters around the South Hams.

Following pressure, including strong recommendations in the Tenth Report of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution, the D.O.E. is reconsidering its definition and, at the request of South West Water, a list of our most popular beaches has been submitted to them. This is a preliminary step to bringing additional waters within the 'bathing water' definition.

The Directive sets standards for physical, chemical and bacteriological quality and is aimed at protecting both human health and the environment.

During the summer (1985), a sampling programme was undertaken to determine the general bacteriological quality of the sea water off popular beaches throughout the District. A total of 19 beaches were sampled fortnightly between July and September giving six samples at each point. The results are shown in the copy of Appendix 3 of the Report - a copy of which is on the opposite page of Village Voice. Although the E.C. Directive does not strictly apply, it is the only recent guidance available and so the results have been compared with the bacteriological guide levels and mandatory levels set out in the Directive.

Bacteria used as indicators were Coliforms (total pollution load) and E.Coli (recent faecal pollution). E.Coli die out rapidly in cold water and, hence high results indicate either recent pollution (E.Coli present) or past pollution (low E.Coli, high Coliform)

The presence of pathogens (bacteria and viruses harmful to man) was not examined during this initial survey due to cost.

It must be stressed that the work to date can only be considered a snapshot and the figures obtained only give a broad indication of the general quality of the water. Whilst every attempt was made to ensure variations of tide, weather and sea conditions there are numerous factors which can affect the results. For this reason the Directive allows for failures over the mandatory levels of 5% of samples taken. If any bathing water in the future comes within the terms of the Directive the South West Water Authority will have a duty to monitor and ensure compliance with the standards laid down. The survey was carried out in close co-operation with the Public Health Laboratory Service.

REPORT CONCLUSION (in part). The most obvious conclusion to be drawn is that where there are sewage outfalls to the sea high levels of bacteria will be passed into the water.....

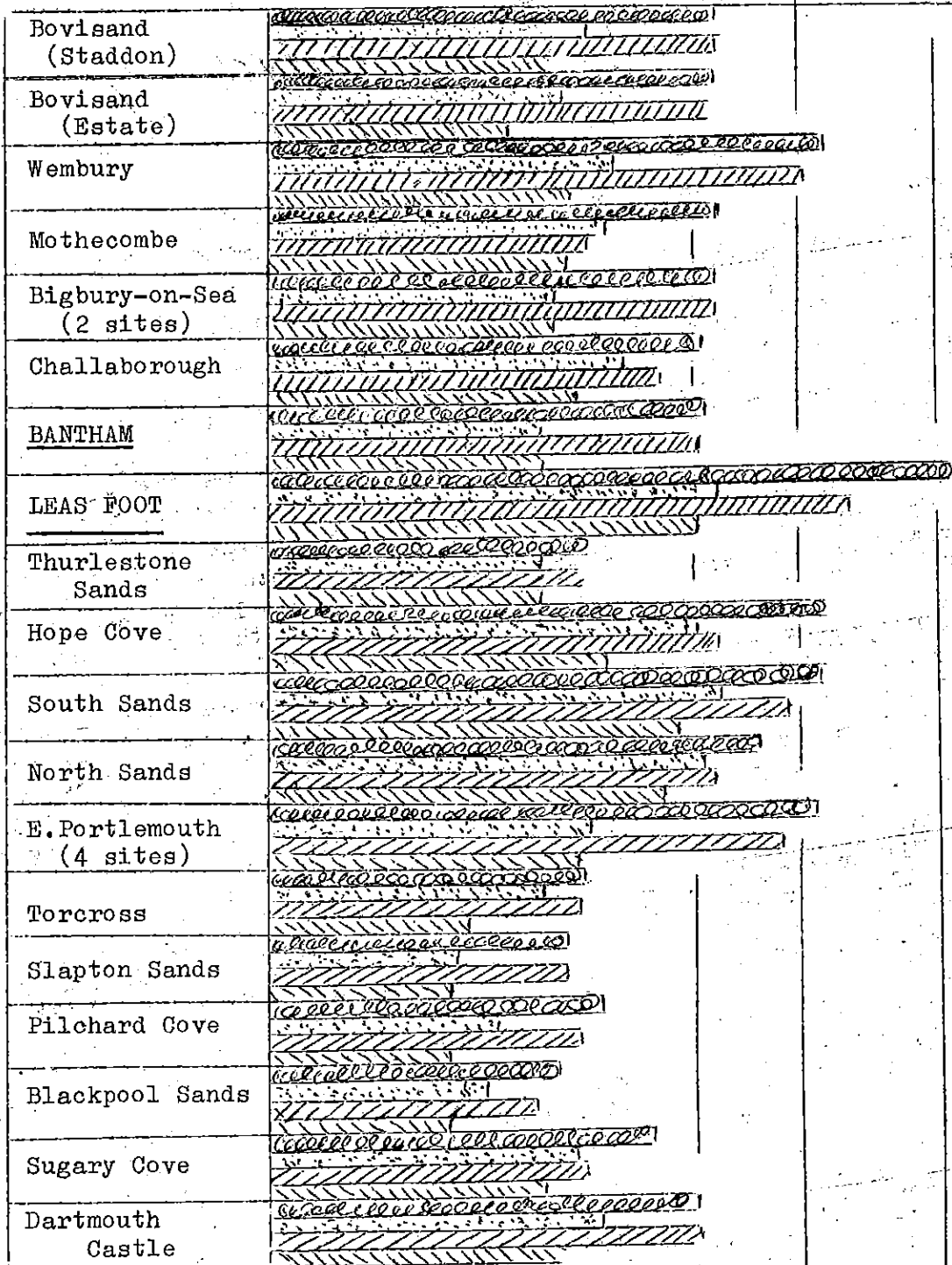
Many of the waters sampled with outfalls nearby have been shown to have bacterial levels in excess of the guidelines and in some cases in excess of OF THE MANDATORY LEVELS.

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS. That approval be given for additional monitoring during summer 1986.

You will have noted from the graph of the count of bacteria per 100ml of sea water sampled, Leas Foot beach at Thurlestone was outstandingly foul! The Parish Council could say 'We've told you so for years' -
- the early start on an effective sewage disposal system is essential
- more houses still to be built means more and more bacteria to count !

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COUNT OF BACTERIA PER 100 ml OF SEA WATER SAMPLED



HISTOGRAM OF MAXIMUM AND MEDIAN COUNTS OF TOTAL COLIFORMS AND ESCHERICHIA COLI obtained during the Survey of Coastal Bathing Waters between July & September 1985. by the SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL TECHNICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

KEY

- Total Coliform Maximum
- Total Coliform Median
- E. Coli Maximum
- E. Coli Median

GUIDE LINE 1

TOTAL COLIFORM MEDIAN

E. COLI MAXIMUM

TOTAL COLIFORM MAXIMUM

How South Milton responded to "That Plan"!

The level of response to the District Council Draft Kingsbridge Plan was appreciably greater than most of the parishes - 40 written responses being sent in.

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (Res 1 - West of the Main Street)

23 written responses were received by the S.H.D.C. 2 were in favour and 21 were opposed. 5 said no demand for more houses, even for local needs, 3 said the Council could not control future tenure, 3 said inadequate sewerage, 3 said 'impact on proposed Conservation Areas, 4 considered it would be undesirable loss of good agricultural land, 2 were concerned about loss of view, 2 against on likely traffic congestion and 2 said 'dangerous access'.

The DISTRICT COUNCIL REACTION: The council still considers that, in time, the village would benefit from a development that could cater for local needs. Measured against the needs of other villages, this is a low priority. The Council recognises the strength of local opposition to the development of the site. For these reasons the final Plan will delete Res.1

ALTERNATIVE HOUSING SITE. 6 responses opposed the alternative site - so it gets the same reaction from the District Council as Res 1. Various alternative sites put forward by the owners thereof all end up under the comment - "No residential site will thus be proposed in the final Plan. The Council will, however, make it clear in the text (of the final Plan) that it is willing to consider the development of small sites within the village to cater for locally generated need.

PUBLIC CAR PARK & CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA. Response opinions were apparently very mixed. With regard to the car park 8 favoured the proposed site behind the village Hall, 2 favoured the alternative site at Backshay Close whilst 6 responses opposed any provision. The Parish Council favoured the site behind the Hall, although an open Parish Meeting voted against any provision.

13 written responses were sent in about the play area. Several suggesting that it should be an amenity area for the whole of the village, not just a play area. of 13 responses, 3 including the Parish Council, favoured the Backshay Close site, 3 favoured the Village Hall site, 2 were non-specific, and 5 opposed the provision. The open parish meeting favoured the Backshay Close site by a large majority.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REACTION: The final Plan will not propose a specific location for a car park. The text will, however, state that the area behind the village Hall is the preferred location, and the District Council will continue to support the Parish Council to provide a suitable site.

As for the Play Area - again the final Plan will not propose a specific site. As with the car parking issue the District Council will continue to support a local initiative to provide a suitable site.

PROPOSED CONSERVATION AREAS. Only 4 responses supporting the proposal, which included the Parish Council. 1 individual commented that the proposal was unnecessary. DISTRICT COUNCIL REACTION. The support for the proposal is welcomed.

Source SHDC RESPONSE REPORT

EXHIBITIONS & PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE 'KINGSBRIDGE PLAN'

Village Exhibitions: Loddiswell, Malborough, South Milton, Stokenham and Thurlestone. Total attendance about 210. Locally organised Public Meetings: East Prawle, Galmpton, Kingsbridge, Sherford, South Milton, Stokenham, Thurlestone, West Alvington. Attendance about 350.

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25th October 1985

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

BOSTON MANOR, W7 2AF

Dear Mr. Drabble,

Once again I thoroughly enjoyed "Village Voice". I am, however, sorry to read that you are looking for a successor and that the final issue of the present series will be that for March/April 1986. I sincerely hope that someone will come forward to continue the excellent work you have performed to enable you to relax and enjoy reading the next series. We are of the same age group - I will reach the three-quarters of a century mark in March 1986 - and was, for many years, involved in the preparation of our local Residents' Association Newsletter with a distribution in excess of 1,500. When I decided, on attaining 70 years of age, that some younger person should take over from me, three more years elapsed before a 'volunteer' emerged who required a considerable amount of persuasion!

In the current issue I particularly enjoyed learning far more of the history of "The Parish of Thurlestone" than I knew before and also look forward to the continuation of "Memories of Thurlestone". The latter mentions so many people who were known to me when I lived at West Buckland Post Office until I left for the big City on 1st April 1929. Mention of their various names immediately recalled to my mind incidents which involved them in one way or another.

I am indeed grateful to all your contributors, as I am sure you are, but, most of all, to you for the considerable amount of work which you have undertaken. I am sure that all now in Thurlestone Parish (and the many who have deserted it, as I have!) will support my comments.

Again, thank you. May I wish you a long and healthy retirement from your Editorship.

Yours sincerely,

ARTHUR EDWARDS

(Thank you, indeed, Mr Edwards for this warm and flattering letter. I can wait, hopefully, for three months - but not three years. Then I'll be in my eightieth ! !)

The South Hams

Then and Now

In many ways the South Hams is a unique part of Britain. Until World War II it could be described, with some accuracy, as a rural backwater. Its relative distance from large centres of population, lack of mineral resources and absence of major roads and canals meant that it did not attract some of the great entrepreneurs of the industrial revolution.

A natural reluctance to adopt new practices has at time left the area extremely vulnerable to market changes. As far back as the Fourteenth Century great fortunes were made from wool. Devon, however, failed to adopt the textile industries with which the rest of England was fighting the competition of Flanders and Italy and as a consequence was eclipsed. The same pattern has been repeated over the centuries, so that the ports and market towns have thrived while there have been few changes in the lifestyles of people in the countryside.

During the Nineteenth and early Twentieth Centuries the drift from the land accelerated. The depression of the 1920's and 1930's may not have bitten so deeply because agriculture, fishing and mining formed reliable occupations, but incomes were low. Many left; some were evacuated during the war when a large area was cleared for D-Day training. Many never returned.

Since the war, all this has changed. The very factors which slowed economic development can now be regarded as an advantage. Other parts of Britain have been shaped by man's hand. In the South Hams man has to adapt to the countryside. There are few of the great mills, canals and warehouses which dominate the coasts and rivers elsewhere in the country, and those which do exist can be carefully used to enhance their surroundings.

The traditional industries and practices have adapted well to the pressures of the Twentieth Century. The coastal fishing and shell fishing fleets, unhampered by a dependence on herring, cod or far-off

fishing grounds, have found rich new markets for their catch. Sturdy farm buildings have provided much needed accommodation in harmony with the landscape. Good husbandry and conservation practices should enable the china clay and mining industries to continue to thrive without major environmental disturbance. Tourism, one of the major modern industries, is booming, benefitting not only from a gentle climate but also from a fortunate inheritance of an 'underdeveloped' countryside.

Cider making from orchards at Landscope and Morleigh, beer brewing at Washbourne, local steam railways, the revival of the Hood Fair and the Shire Horse Centre; these are just some examples of a resurgence of interest in traditional skills and once vanishing industries. Apart from tourism and nostalgia value, they are proving useful sources of local employment.

The face of the South Hams is still changing in subtle ways. Apart from the more obvious works of construction, the South Devon Coast Path has been lengthened, connecting some beautiful but hitherto almost inaccessible places.

Slapton Ley, a Site of Special Scientific Interest and host to a field centre, now has a suitable memorial to the men who lost their lives in the D-Day training.

Further excavations by the Historical Buildings and Monuments Commission at Berry Pomeroy Castle has revealed more traces of the elegant internal facades as well as an, as yet undated, medieval wall painting.

It could be said that the features described here are dominated by the past. However, in the South Hams the present reflects our past heritage; A heritage which is being adapted for the needs of the future.

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SOME TREASURED GEMS OF THE PAST FROM THE ARCHIVES OF MISS ANNE JENKINS

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IN those 'far off days' around the late 1800's, the Innkeeper at the Sloop was a Mr. Whiddon, with a Mrs. Hannaford to assist him. White ale was brewed at the back. Next to the Sloop there lived the local pig killer - Mr Moore and his wife Kezia and a large family, whilst in the little old cottage then at the rear lived a dear old couple 'Granfer' and Granny Moore. Further down the 'street' were Captain and Mrs Clark. Captain Clark was the ferryman and pilot. He charged just one penny a head for taking people across the river, but his important job, however, was to row out to the bar, board the incoming ships, and guide them in to their anchorage at Bantham Quay. Bantham was then quite a busy little port with sometimes 4 or 5 vessels being 'in dock' at any one time - barges and small vessels with cargoes of limestone for the roads, coal, artificial manure, farm implements, etc., and after discharging their cargoes they were loaded with corn, potatoes and so forth before sailing away escorted out by the pilot, Captain Clark. The forge stood where the house called 'Whiddons' was built for Hubert Brunskill, including stables, although he apparently did not stay there very often.

On the right side of the Ham Gate was a picturesque old thatched linnhay where the coal was stored and weighed out. Mr John Whiddon was the local coal merchant and he also 'directed' the shipping. Mr. Whiddon and a Mr. Ellis from Aveton Gifford were partners in the Salmon Fishery. The sport was good in those days, and they got good hauls of salmon. The men who pulled the seine nets were paid 'tenpence a tide'. Inside the Ham Gate, in a corner, stood the copper where the nets were dipped. Bass fishing was marvellous, the price of almost every kind of fish being 2d. a pound !

Very few people came to Bantham, the sands being practically deserted. On a fine Bank Holiday a few Kingsbridge people might make the journey, and, of course, once a year the Wesleyans came down from Aveton Gifford in a barge bringing their harmonium with them, picnicing on the Quay and singing hymns to the strains of the organ. Now and then an artist would come and stay in the village, otherwise no strangers disturbed the community. All the cliffs under Folly were little potatoe patches cultivated by the fishermen and others, and donkeys with panniers carried up sea weed to manure the little gardens.

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The first new house in Bantham was built for a Dr. Pratt of Bournemouth and named 'The Cedars' and subsequently sold to a Dr. Fox, who renamed it "Aunedown".

This was a time when just a young girl was employed as the 'letter carrier'. There was no appointed postman, and once a week the mail came to Thurlestone, and this girl delivered the letters in the village and to the outlying farms for a pay of sixpence. Eventually a Postman named Ford was appointed, and he did the round for some 40 years, walking out from Kingsbridge in the morning and back with his load in the evening. Between times - in the middle of the day he could be found sat at the Sloop busy tailoring. A tough little man with a ginger beard. Telegrams were brought from Kingsbridge for a 1/6 delivery charge.

There was Mr. Winzer. He was a butcher who came once a week from Aveton Gifford. He had lost his voice and could only speak in a whisper. Albert Moore helped him for the vast sum of 6d. a week with 3d. extra when a bullock was killed. Eli Crispin from West Alvington was the local baker.

This was also a time when the family of Square owned a large part of Thurlestone Parish, and the Courtenay's possessed much property round about. Then Tailor Brunskill, who had a flourishing business in Exeter and probably clad most of the County Gents, seems to have invested his savings in land in the area, hence the Brunskill Estates, for whom Mr. H.L.Jenkins was Estate Manager. He turned Shath Square's farm house into a small Guest House and a Mr and Mrs Grose - grandparents of the present owners - became the lessee's of Thurlestone house, and founded what was to become the prosperous Hotel which now dominates the village scene at Thurlestone and has become one of the largest employers in the area. About this time - 1895 - Mr. A.G.Redcliffe mooted the idea for a 9 hole golf course.

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The Birth pangs of a Parish Council

at a PARISH MEETING on FRIDAY 19th MARCH 1897

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There were about 30 persons present last evening at the Annual meeting for this parish, including Mr. H.A.D'Angiban (Chairman of the Parish Council) the Rev. F.Coope (Rector), H.L.Jenkins, D.Ilbert, S.S.Square, H.Harcourt, Harold Square, W.H.Sheeiff, J.A.Sherriff, S.J.Broad, A.E.Stidston, E.White, Browse, W.Snowdon, and others.

Mr. D'Angiban having stated that the time for commencing the meeting had arrived, Mr. H.L.Jenkins rose, and said it was very important that they should have an impartial Chairman, and proposed that the Rev. F. Coope take the Chair. Mr. Coope had only just come amongst them, and had not mixed in the politics of the place, and he (Mr. Jenkins) thought it would be an advantage if he took the chair. If five persons present were dissatisfied, the meeting would lead to a poll which would be an expense to the parish.

Mr. D'Angiban said that what Mr. Jenkins proposed might come later. As Chairman of the Parish Council, it was his duty, under the Act, to take the chair.

Mr. Jenkins said he would put it to the meeting, and asked those who wished the rector to take the chair to hold up their hands. A goodly number of hands were held up.

Mr. D'Angiban submitted that the course suggested by Mr. Jenkins would be illegal.

Mr. H.L.Jenkins: I only protest.

Mr. D'Angiban said Mr. Jenkins could protest as much as he liked. As Chairman of the Parish Council, it was his duty to preside during the first part of the meeting. If, during the proceedings, he found that he was nominated, he should do what was right, and vacate the chair.

Mr. S.S.Square said he would like to ask whether the rev. gentleman had any legal right to be in the room.

Mr. Jenkins said the rector certainly had that right. He was not an elector, but he had a right to be there.

Mr. D'Angiban said he hoped the question of the right of the rector to be in the room would not be pressed. He was sure they were all very pleased to see their rector there. He would ask the Clerk to read the Section of the Act dealing with the procedure.

Mr. S.J.Broad said there was nothing in the Act which permitted the presence of strangers, such as reporters, and other non-electors.

Mr. H.L.Jenkins said he would put it to those in the room, whether strangers should be asked to clear out.

Mr. D.'Angiban thought there was no need to do that. He believed they were only

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BIRTH PANGS OF A PARISH COUNCIL - continued

too glad to see the rector and any other strangers, who might be present with them. Mr. D'Angiban then said he thought it would be better to proceed with the business. He was prepared to receive nominations for members of the Parish Council. They were now met for the third time to elect a Council for the parish.

Thirteen papers having been handed in, nominating Messrs. G.Browse, W.Davey, W.Duffy, J.W.Hannaford, Halliday Harcourt, H.L.Jenkins, G.H.Lee, W.C.Masters, W.H.Sherriff, W.Snowden, jnr., A.E.Stidston and J.A.Sherriff, the latter of whom was nominated twice, a further paper was handed in nominating Mr. D'Angiban.

The Chairman said the last paper handed to him nominated himself. He would now ask the meeting to elect another Chairman to transact the rest of the business of the meeting.

Mr. H.L.Jenkins moved that the Rev. F.Coope take the chair. Mr. A.E.Stidston seconded. Mr. S.S.Square said he had no objection to the rev. gentleman taking the chair, providing it was legal for him to do so. If the rev. gentleman had no legal right to be present he failed to see how it could be legal to appoint him Chairman.

Mr. H.L.Jenkins contended that every meeting had the right to elect its own Chairman. All non-electors could have been excluded if they liked. They were all ready to hold up their hands to show what they wished. His only desire was to get an impartial election. Mr. W.Snowden asked if the meeting would be legal if the rector took the chair. Mr. S.S.Square said he would like to ask the Chairman of the Parish Council whether the course suggested was in accordance with the instructions he had received. Mr. D'Angiban said he hoped they would be careful to act legally, otherwise the whole of their proceedings might be upset.

Mr. H.L.Jenkins said he would appeal to Mr. Harcourt, who belonged to the legal profession, whether the course proposed was legal. Could a meeting elect its own Chairman? Mr. Harcourt thought it could.

Mr. D'Angiban said they wanted to act legally. He would like to ask Mr. Harcourt whether he thought the course proposed would be legal. Personally, he would be very glad to see the rector take the chair, but he questioned, under the circumstances, whether he could do so. Mr. Harcourt said he did not know much about the law relating to Parish Councils. The question might be open to argument.

Mr. S.S.Square submitted that they could not possibly elect a Chairman who was not entitled to be present at the meeting. Mr. D'Angiban said the Act provided that the Chairman should give a casting vote in case the number of votes received by any two candidates were equal. How could a gentleman who was not entitled to vote give a casting vote?

Mr. Snowden proposed that Mr. Jenkins take the chair, but Mr. Jenkins declined.

Mr. Snowden then proposed Mr. S.J.Broad as Chairman, stating that Mr. Broad took the position in similar circumstances last year, but Mr. Broad also declined. Mr. Jenkins proposed Mr. White, who also declined to act. Mr. Snowden then proposed Mr. S.S.Square as Chairman, which was seconded and carried nem. con.

Mr. Jenkins said on the last occasion his ruling was objected to, but he did not want to put the parish to the expense of a poll.

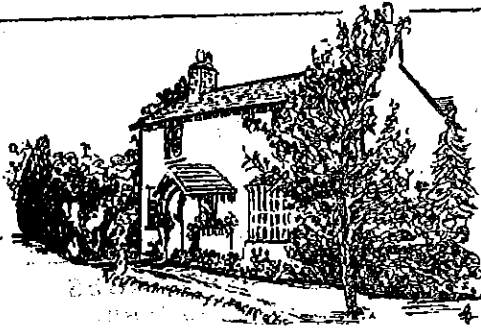
Mr. S.S.Square: Your ruling was wrong.

Mr. D'Angiban said they did not want to go into that. He thought it would be better to let the old sores alone, and get on with the present business.

Mr. S.S.Square, having taken the chair, enquired if there were any further nominations. Mr. A.E.Stidston suggested that the names be written on the blackboard. The Chairman said the electors present could vote for seven candidates, but no more. The voting would be by show of hands.

Mr. Harold Square moved that the names of voters present be taken down, and that as each vote was given they should be ticked off. There was nothing to prevent any man from voting for 9 or 10 candidates. Mr. Jenkins said if they did this

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they would there all night. Mr. Snowden seconded the proposition. Mr. S.J. Broad said an elector would not vote for anyone he did not want to get in. Mr. Jenkins moved an amendment that they proceed with the voting. Mr. Davey seconded.

On being put to the vote the amendment was carried. Mr. A.E. Stidston said they could not do any other than vote by show of hands.

The names were then put separately with the following result:-
Messrs. Harcourt 25; Jenkins 25; Davey, 21; Browse, 20; Stidston, 20; Hannaford, 18; Duffy, 16; D'Angiban, 14; Lee, 11; W.H. Sherriff, 11; Snowden, 11; J.A. Sherriff, 9; Masters 7.

On the announcement of the figures, Mr. Harold Square demanded a poll. After a like delay, Mr. D'Angiban also demanded a poll. The Chairman said that Mr. D'Angiban had demanded a poll. So far as he (the chairman) was concerned the election had not been satisfactory, as it was impossible to say how many times some of the electors had voted. He should certainly, as chairman, assent to the poll which had been demanded.

The Annual parish meeting was afterwards held, but no business of any importance was transacted.

The foregoing was a report in the 'Gazette' of March 19th 1897. The actual First Meeting of the Parish to elect Councillors was held on March 9th. 1896 with Mr. H.A. D'Angiban, Chairman of the Parish Meeting presiding when by a show of hands gave the following result: Messrs D'Angiban, 31; Snowden, 29; J.A. Sherriff, 27; H. Square, 27; G. Sherriff, 24; G. Browse, 22; A. Stidston, 21; G. Lee, 19; J. Hannaford, 1; No poll being demanded the Chairman declared the seven obtaining the largest number of votes duly elected.

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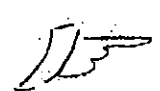
NEVILLE C. OSWALD

Christmas is a time for giving, especially to the family and friends and maybe to a favourite charity. Few people look further than that, on the assumption that each and everybody will take care of themselves and make the best of the festive season according to their preferences and resources. It was not always quite so simple. Indeed, for centuries each village was responsible for its own poor, not only at Christmas but throughout the year.

In Thurlestone, following the Poor Law Act of 1601 which ruled that collections must be made in every parish for poor relief, two villagers were elected Overseers of the Poor and they with three or four others, usually churchwardens or the chief landowners, met each month to decide how the money should be distributed. Their decisions were meticulously recorded in Poor Law Books which are now kept, together with those of other parishes, in the County Record Office, Exeter. Sadly, the only Thurlestone books to have survived cover the years 1779 to 1810; some of them are very brittle, but they are mostly well enough preserved to give a fair account of the period.

The years 1779 to 1810 coincide with the Napoleonic wars, when Thurlestone farmers prospered from supplying food to the army and navy, allowing some of them to buy their own farms or at least a little land. On the other hand, farm labourers, or husbandmen as they were called, were poorly paid, whole families often having to make do on about 8 shillings a week with precious few perks apart from a little cider from time to time; many kept a few hens and grew their own vegetables. The elderly and infirm relied much on the charity of the Overseers, who had about 10 to 15 pounds to distribute each month.

Most of the entries in the books are payments to those in need. We find Earl YEOMAN was given a pound a month. Similarly REYNOLDS, STIDSTON, PARKER and TABB were allotted one pound ten shillings to share out between them. Mrs. Elizabeth EDGECOMBE was grateful for one shilling and sixpence and Sarah HADDEY drew 4 shillings each month for her bastard child.



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Regular payments included about 2 pounds 10 shillings annually for the village constable. The carehouse for the infirm, probably one of the cottages above the Old Rectory, was kept supplied with sacks of potatoes and similar items that had to be paid for. The provision of winter fuel for the poor was quite a large item. In 1781, John SQUARE provided the wood for one pound ten shillings and sixpence, Thomas WAKEHAM cut it for 5 shillings, Joseph HINGSTON faggotted it for two shillings and eightpence, sharing with Thomas a shilling's worth of cider. Three men and 5 horses then carried the faggots to Thurlestone for six shillings and fourpence where one man took two and a half days to make them into a rick for half a crown.

Funeral arrangements included the outlay on a coffin which varied from two shillings and sixpence to 17 shillings. Alice JARVIS' shroud cost 4 shillings and Thomas TABB'S grave was dug for one shilling and sixpence.

Clothing featured rather prominently. Elizabeth EDGECOMBE'S stockings were valued at 2 shillings. William RUDD had a new hat for one shilling and three-pence and in the following year a pair of shoes for three shillings. Curiously, a new pair of shoes usually cost 3 or 4 shillings, whilst a shoe repair worked out at about 5 shillings. William PENWELL was paid a shilling for mending Richard MORGAN'S waistcoat.

Some unusual items featured in the accounts. For example, Mr. SQUARE was allowed 5 shillings for a horse to take him to Widecombe Fair. Then in 1805 John PERRATON claimed 7 shillings for a horse and cart to go to Totnes with Ann NORRIS, doubtless for a useful and honourable purpose. Perhaps the strangest was the payment of a shilling for shaving G. and S. JARVIS for 3 months; who shaved them and why is not disclosed. Why did they have to be shaved for so long? That is a question which is unlikely ever to be answered satisfactorily.

In August 1807 the Overseers purchased the heads of 55 sparrows for one a and three half-pence. A fortnight later they paid three shillings and tenpence for 2 dozen sparrows. Two months later they acquired a further 32 sparrows for eightpence. There is a consistency between the first and third transactions, bearing in mind the number of sparrow heads, but the second is out of line, suggesting that the Overseers took charge of whole birds and not just their heads. How can these deals be explained? Perhaps flocks of sparrows were eating the crops, as they may well have been in August, and some were netted or shot. What happened to their bodies? Every schoolboy knows that blackbirds make a good pie; so why not sparrows? Perhaps a reader of Village Voice has the answer.

Thus the Poor Law Books of Thurlestone of around 1800 show that Thurlestone, like the rest of rural England, was ordered by a Tudor style of Hierarchy at a

Concluding
A TIME FOR GIVING

time when the forces of the industrial revolution were well under way elsewhere. Power lay with the local squires who, however well intentioned they may have been, resented any outside interference. They were not compelled to pay living wages and the Government, instead of forcing them to do so, passed a law in 1795 allowing husbandmen to be paid in part from the rates, a fatal policy which encouraged farmers to keep wages down and which further depressed both the livelihood and self-respect of the farm workers. This unhappy system continued until the Poor Law of 1834, which virtually took poor relief away from individual parishes by grouping them in Unions, Thurlestone and 25 other parishes being administered thenceforth from Kingsbridge where the workhouse was opened in 1837.

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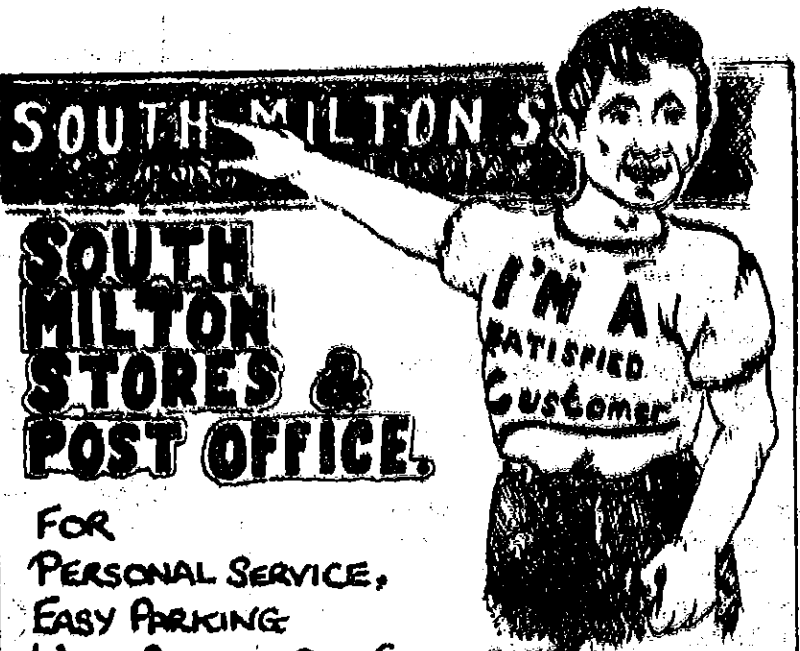
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hiding the warm sun:
The bees and birds, their
happy labours done,
Seek their close nests and
bide.

Screened in the leafy wood
The stock-doves sit & brood:
The very squirrel leaps
from bough to bough
But lazily; pauses; and
settles now
Where once he stored his
food.

One by one the flowers close,
Lily and dewy rose
Shutting their tender petals
from the moon:
The grasshoppers are still;
but not so soon
Are still the noisy crows...

From far the lowings come
Of cattle driven home:
From farther still the wind-
brings fitfully
The vast continual murmur
of the sea,
Now loud, now almost dumb...

Remote, each single star
Comes out, till there they
are

All shining brightly. How
the dews fall damp
While close at hand the
glow-worm lights her lamp,
Or twinkles from afar.

But evening now is close
As much as if the sun
Day-giving had risen in the
East --

For night has come; and the
great calm has ceased,
The quiet sands have run.

CHRISTINA ROSSETTI

It is hard to believe long
together that anything is
worth while unless there is
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Many schemes were tried with little success and as the years stretched into centuries the Church leaders became increasingly disheartened, some even admitting that the Cathedral might never be completed.

One evening, while sitting in his library brooding over the problem the Bishop heard a knock on the door, and invited the visitor to enter.

The Bishop was horrified when the distinguished 'gentleman' introduced himself as the Devil, but his horror changed to excitement and delight when he was told that the Devil would provide all finance necessary for the Cathedral to be completed in the shortest possible time, but on one condition, namely, that when the building was to be consecrated the soul of the first living creature to cross the threshold would be handed to him.

The Bishop agreed immediately, without argument, and the next morning was delighted to learn that the financial arrangements had been reorganised and building was proceeding with renewed vigour. While the building was being completed plans were being discussed for the ceremony of consecration because the Bishop was determined that the Cathedral would be ready for use at the earliest possible moment.

At last the great day dawns, and all is in readiness. The procession forms in the City Square. Choirs, clergy, the City Fathers, the Bishop in his most glorious vestments, and thousands of ordinary citizens eager to take part in this most sacred, but exciting experience.

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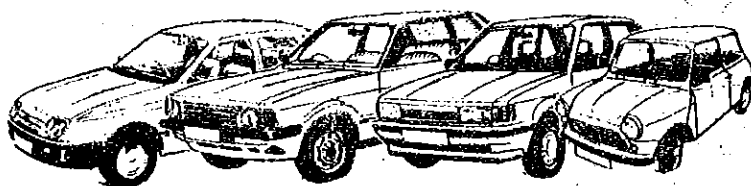
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Slowly through the sunlit streets the procession moves, the clear young voices of the choristers rising above the murmur of the watching crowds.

The leading ranks appear and slowly approach the entrance. The Devil can hardly contain his excitement. Twenty more yards - ten - five - four - three - two - the procession advances, but just as the Devil raises his hand to seize his prize, the ranks part and a fully grown wolf leaps forward, and the first living creature cross the threshold.

The Devil screams with rage, plunges his hand into the wolf, grabs the animal's soul, throws it across the porch, and disappears.

Today, 500 years later, visitors entering the Cathedral see, on the left, a life size 'statue' of a wolf, with a large hole in its chest where the soul was torn out, and on the right, a bronze artifact purporting to be the Soul of the Wolf.

It looks exactly like a large artichoke !

More of the William Harvey Memories of Thurlestone

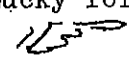
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Now, I'll tell 'ee what happened when I rode Tommy across the river to Bigbury for to collect some butter and cream from Halwell Farm. There were a lot of visitors about and Miss Broad was short of dairy produce, so I was told that the flow of the river was just right for this mission. I crossed over going there, but when I got to the farm I had to wait nearly an hour and, by the time I was loaded up, time was going and so was the tide. When I got to the river at New Quay, below Hexdown, it had been in flood for quite a while. Nevertheless, Tommy put his nostrils down and snorted and in we went. We plunged through the swollen river and, with my basket held up, I had a 'Saltash catch' & a wet backside. "Hell's fire and General Jackson," I thought, "this takes the cake!" Oh yes, there was plenty of you would have gone further up river where it would have been more shallow.

Among my pals, which I had many (and many females!) the males were Bill Fulford, Ern. Snowdon, Cecil Edgecombe, Jack Snowdon, Charlie Hill, Jeff Mitchelmore, young Ern and Harold Prettyjohn, Herbert, Arthur and Tibby Moore, and not forgetting Harry and all the Bevell and Jeffery families. They and a score of others I could name made my life happy and great.

Maister went to a sale at Buckland Park and bought a first calver and the calf. When he comes home he says, "William, if you can get young Bill Bevell to go with you, go up Buckland Park and walk this heifer and calf home. So off goes the two Bills to collect the animals. We found them in the loose box, drove them out into the field and up to the road gate. "Now," I says, "you go up and open the gate and keep their heads towards Bantham." That accomplished, I drove the heifer and calf out, and who should be outside with a dog but Mabel Duffy. In a jiffy, the heifer charged and up in the air went Mabel. After we got things sorted out, we got Mabel home - bruised and shocked. Young Bill and I were upset but determined to get the animals to Buckland. We succeeded to the crossroads down Buckland Lane when who should be coming up the lane but Miss Mary and a Yank in uniform with gold chain and eyeglass. I shouted, "Get in over the gate quick, this heifer is wild!" Miss Mary didn't hesitate - she was gone - but the Yank shouted, "I guess I can stop this caw son of a gun." In no time the heifer was into him, but a near miss. Lucky for



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him. He made one leap in over the gate to safety. Then the heifer and calf went back to Buckland Park and Bill and I went down to tell the news to Gaffer. He and Mr. H. Sherriff went up and got them down when the moon was full without any trouble. The Yank offered anyone finding his gold chain 20 dollars. I made several trips near the spot but without avail!.

Now there's the jack donkey that the boss was asked by some toffs at Bantham to look after while they went abroad. Oh yes, he'd take and keep an eye on it. So we took it down to the orchard adjacent to the farm yard, everything was fine. After a day or so, nobody thought of the donkey, but one morning Boss shouted out "Has anyone seen the donkey?". Ethel in dismay said, "Oh, no, I haven't." So away we goes down the orchard and, woe betide, between us we found it stogged up to the belly in mud. We hauled it out and gave it some brandy - but the donkey died.

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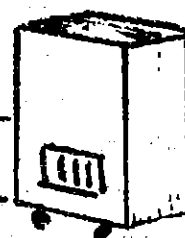
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MEMORIES OF THURLESTONE continued

When Maister went into a bigger farm, 'Homefield' at Thurlestone, he did away with horse conveyances, so I didn't need my bowler hat any more. All effort was put into farming and that meant more workmen, which included Bert and Bill Masters, their uncle and also Ben Jeffery. Maister bought a huge horse at a sale at Ringmore, quiet and pass all traffic and good in shafts, but nervous as a cat. I had to get on a stool to put the collar and other tackle on.

My first exploit with Boxer (that was his name) - I had to have Boxer and Duke to go to Kingsbridge Station to collect 35cwts of $1\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter piping, 20 feet long, for Lakeman and Perring, Builders, and transport them to a field called Lower Goosewell for Mrs. Yeo's Bungalow that they were building. When the wagon was only 9 feet long, I had to spread the load evenly, or I should have the pipes sticking in the horses' hind quarters. However, when I loaded up and got under way, everything was fine on the level. As soon as I started up West Alvington hill, Boxer jumped to it quick and up went the fore part of the wagon, wheels, the lot, and hit the Station wall. Away goes the pipes, running across the road and down to the gutter. When I got to the top I had three pipes left out of about forty. I was in a fix. However, someone came along and helped me to let the horse out - he was sweating with fear. I put the poor horse in a stable in the village and rode the other home. When I got home Maister was milking. First thing he says was "Where's the pipes." "Down West Alvington hill." "What bally well happened?", says boss, and "what are you going to do now"? "I'm going to ride Damsel in and load down the hill and pull them up." Oh, what a game! I think I arrived home about half past eight.

In the summer, when the visitors were about, Maister was very fond of saying "Would you like to try your hand at milking?" "Oh, yes, Mr. Broad, "we'd love it!"

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"Well?" he'd say, "you come along and Bill will fix you up." - just about the night I wanted to get the cows finished to go to dancing classes. We had a lot of fun those days - we had to make our own. The old dance instructor saw me sitting out one night. "Come on, young man, why aren't you on the floor?" I said that that's what I was afraid of. The boards were like glass. "Come with me", he said I'll dance as a lady." So I grabbed hold of him and around we went until he shouted, "Oh, My God, you'll break my back. Never hold a girl so tight as that." No girl ever told me I held them too tight!

One thing sticks out in my mind which includes a bull calf we reared from the bucket up to the time it was twelve-months' old - a real tartar he was! Boss said we'd have to ring him and take him out for a walk to get him used to the idea. Well, we never led that bull until the day came to take him to Kingsbridge Railway Station. Everyone knew this bull in the village and we were anxious as to what was going to happen. Maister gets a staff and rope on the ring and I puts a rope on the foreleg. "Everybody ready?" "Yes," and off us went, Maister and his brother lashed hold of the staff and I held the rope to the ring, and old Bill Masters, who was getting on in years, held the rope to the offside fore-leg. With one mighty leap the bull pulled us about like flies. It jumped over a low wall outside the court gate. We got him out somehow. However, things settled down after we left the village and I went as far as Whitely Tongue when Maister said, "Well, Bill, I think we can manage now, you go back and do the milking." No sooner did I let go than the bull jumped and, as they tugged at the staff, the ring broke out of its nose and one would hardly believe it, they drove him to the station like a lamb with just the rope trailing from the fore-leg.

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A black cat of large, very large proportions, was said to walk on the wall of the Grove at the bottom of the hill at midnight, when the moon was full, and to fall off in a fit, foaming at the mouth by the gate at Mill Corner. Disaster stalked the unfortunate one who happened by and witnessed this gruesome scene, and unless there was time to cross your heart, take off your hat and spit in the dust or mud three times before the cat recovered, you could not escape the evil omen. Shivers would run down the back at the tale of the headless ghost that walked the road at Clannacombe Head on moonlight nights, or when the moon was full and if the wind was blowing "up easters" and "up Westerds" at the same time. Weather could be determined by inspecting the spleen of a recently slaughtered pig. If the spleen was long, a long winter was forecast, if short - vice versa.

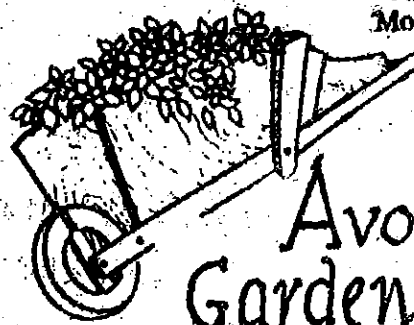
Here styes in the eye were cured by striking three times with the tail of a tom cat, and children were cured of Whooping cough by walking under an arch made from a bramble bush.

(From 'Life at Buckland 1898/1909'
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I believe it has become accepted there is no overall shortage of tourist accommodation within Devon County, and that any new accommodation might well be seen to be competing with the existing stock for what appears to be a reducing market. Its success would be dependent upon increasing the numbers of visitors present at the peak of the season, and all the problems of seasonality would be further intensified.

Conversely, the fall in demand might be seen as an opportunity to impose general restrictions on any increase in total accommodation and, whenever existing facilities, particularly those in the designed landscape areas may close or change use - Charnwood Hotel might be taken as a local example now being designed a Nursing Home. Temporary planning permissions might expire and replacement or renewal firmly resisted. This would also apply to the touring caravan sites which in the past have represented a very considerable growth sector of the 'tourist market', and which are now possibly considered to have considerable excess capacity over the foreseeable demand.

There is no doubt the traditional holiday accommodation of our Devon resorts forms the main body of tourist provision. It seems that it has been the capacity of this sector of the industry, rather than the more contentious touring caravan site, which has been reducing during recent years. These types of accommodation are seen as the most economically beneficial to the community, and their retention or replacement must probably form a serious component of any planning policy. The loss of tourist bedspaces to other uses such as old persons' accommodation and the effect upon the character of a holiday area has already become a matter of serious concern in Torbay, for example, and there should probably be policies to resist such changes beyond a moderate and reasonable level in small communities.

An overall restraint of further development should also prevent the introduction of the innovative types of holiday business, such as activity and special interest holidays, which are apparently so often based in the countryside, and where such development takes place, they become totally dependent on the growth of tourism.

There is no doubt that the concept of growth and restraint represent two possible (or impossible!) extremes, and in practice any change in emphasis of the existing and amended Structure Plan strategy and policies will need to consider both in the light of circumstances then arising, and based, perhaps, a little more on community based opinion than has been the case in past years.

Progress there must always be - but it must never be bureaucratically imposed !

(Researched & based on 'Discussion Paper on Tourism')

Village Appraisal

by VILLAGER

In the Nov/Dec issue I said I would offer my 'appraisal' of this project, carried out in late 1979 and published in March 1980. On reflection, and after consulting with the Editor (who acted as Secretary to the Appraisal Committee) I have arrived at the conclusion that it would be somewhat premature to offer any assessment until the South Hams District Council produce their actual Plan for the future of our community over the next 5 or 10 years. Their Draft Plan brought out many of the recommendations of the village document. (due this spring!)

Whatever may be said of the 'Key Development Village' status which was attached to Thurlestone village in the 1960's - a status which permitted a considerable area to be classified for 'residential development' and which was understood to offer many enhanced amenities such as a Doctor's Surgery and resident District Nurse, with increased population - there have been benefits even if the rural charm has gone (in the main) and the urban aspect established. Many retired people would never have made their home in Thurlestone and the local shops, hotels, golf club, builders, electricians and so on must have seen a very considerable increase in their turnover! Thurlestone with its new kind of 'crop' - houses - is now probably the highest rate producer for its size, in the South Hams. One hopes some of that money will find its way into a modern sewage disposal system. Anyone who lives in this area is fortunate indeed, but sadly there is still no provision of a few small houses to rent to help keep our younger generation where they belong - here!

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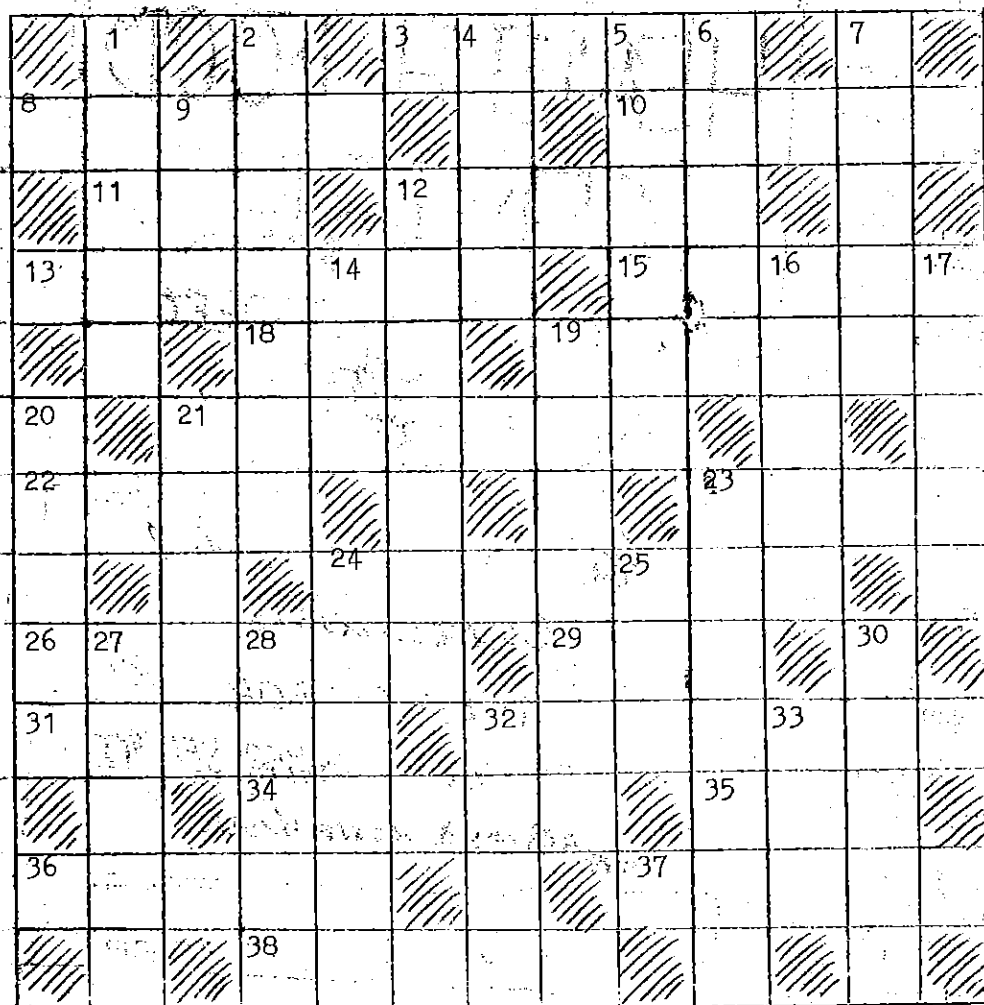
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 10. Member of the electorate (5). 11. Gentle stroke (3). 12. Sounds like
 doubles(5). 13 Coastal outline(7). 15. Not at all(5). 18. Finale (3)
 19. Inhabit(6). 21 Cleared the mud(7). 22 Listeners(4). 23 Not all (4)
 24. Lone performance(7). 26 Young females(5). 29 Toper(3) 31 Used for cordage(5)
 32 Breastbone(7). 34 Slate (anag)(5). 35 Away (3). 36 Charge (6) 37. Entomb(5)
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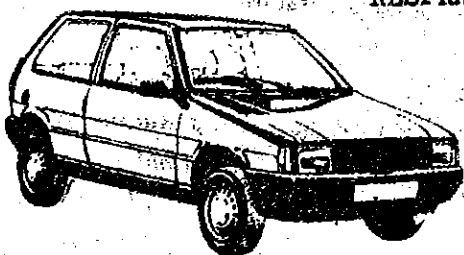
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1. Fowl (5)
2. Affairs (7)
4. Loud organ (4)
5. Levelled (6)
6. Rosettes (5)
7. Cut (5)
9. Convent woman (3)
12. Wallows (7)
14. Single (3)
16. Indispensable (5)
17. Snooker equipment (5)
19. Sisters(anag)(7)
20. Ring o' bells (5)
21. Attire (5)
23. Habitues (7)
24. Tell (6)
25. Part of a foot(3)
27. Disclosed (5)
28. Material (5)
30. Musical instru-ments (5)
32. Remit (4)
33. Fruit (3)

CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS:

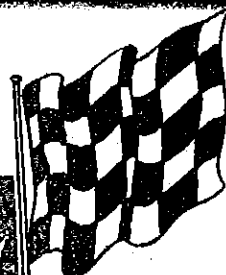
3. There is a learner in the team (5)
8. Does this animal act as a pilot?(5)
10. The painters include a shortened measurement (5)
11. The Reverse of equality (3)
12. Mural decoration, perhaps (5)
13. He announces the verdict (7)
15. A teatotalter is part of the top storey (5).
18. The cash is overturned (3)
19. Secure publicity before this place (6).
21. The postman delivers here (7)
22. They sometimes emanate from a good stroke (4).
23. College students should derive benefit from them (4).
24. A long distance traveller is often is one, occupies one and passes over many (7).
26. These can be either pleasant or unpleasant (6).
29. A Baltic port omits one (3).
31. A good punch, possibly on the ear, for this oriental land(5).
32. Be sly about the bird -forcibly(7)
34. A Scottish breed (5).
35. Consume a confused drink (3).
36. The hoaxer is at it again! (5).
37. She would be inferior if she lost heart (5)
38. These car necessities sound weary (5)

- DOWN:** 1. It's a bit of a catastrophe at the hairdressers(5). 2. Don't rely on the shallows for a sum(7). 4. It sounds as if the Ranger got this by begging(4) 5. Pop was afraid when he enlisted in the Royal Engineers(6). 6. Can be seen from outer space(5). 7. Road ventilation(5) 9. A spectacular link-up(3). 12. Stormy inhabitants of the heavenly vaults(7) 14. Is it really glorious?(3) 16. X or the singer(5) 17. Stop a century with leisure(5) 19. Idiot picks the winners(7) 20. A noisy chance sounds like a gamble(5) 21. The fisherman, no longer a learner, is in a rage(5). 23. Did these three go to University? (7) 24. Surely not standard English(6). 25. Does the Greek eat this symbol out East?3 27. Did the Doctor reach the peak in it?(5). 28. Educated by the French insect(5) 30. Not quite all black(5) 32. Certain its a possible ruse (4) 33. A chattering filly? (3).

SEE ANOTHER PAGE FOR SOLUTION TO BOTH PUZZLES.

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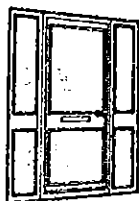
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(Letter written on board a ship of the Spanish Armada to the Venetian Ambassador in Madrid.)

Corugna, 24th June 1588.

On the 14th of this month, while the Armada was off Cape Finis-terre, despatches were sent to his Majesty, and with them I wrote to your Lordship a particular account of our voyage down to that date. After that, partly to meet the galleys which were ordered to wait for us in Mugia, a port four leagues distant from the Cape; partly to take on board some provisions and supplies which the Governor of that Kingdom (Galicia), the Marquis of Seralvo, was to prepare for us, we drew in as far as the island of Cesarga. There on the 17th, we were joined by the galleys which his Excellency had sent to Corunna for provisions and water and to land some sick, who are now in considerable numbers, especially after the storm of the 19th and 20th which the Armada encountered. The flagship, thirty five others, and almost all the transports and carvels, came into Corunna, before the storm reached its height. The rest of the fleet, partly owing to its falling away to lee, and being unable to make port, and partly to the dark night which settled down, remained out-side. The night was a tempestuous one, with wind, rain, and a heavy sea. The following day, Monday, the ship of Don Alonso de Leyva and the flagship of Don Oquendo put into the port of Baris, one much damaged, the other having carried away mainmast, sails and yards. On Tuesday twelve others arrived at Biucco. On Wednesday the Admiral Recalde sailed into Corunna with 12 other ships. Up to this hour thirty ships and two galleasses are missing. The storm was one of those great winter storms. It has greatly discouraged the fleet, and above all the commander. We shall be obliged to wait here till we have news of the missing ships.

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Under the District Council's continuing home ownership programme, 15 Low Cost houses for sale were completed at Malborough and a further 36 were sold at Archway Cottage, Dartmouth. 44 Low cost houses and bungalows for sale were commenced at Ivybridge together with a further 13 starts at Dartmouth. The Council introduced Do-it-Yourself Shared Ownership (DIYSO) and 46 private properties were acquired on Shared Ownership terms.

How sad it seems that Thurlestone can only see the continued erection of 'luxury' houses whilst the younger generation suffer 'banishment' from the parish of their birth because there is not just a small piece of land for a Housing Association Scheme to be adopted for just 4 to 6 homes to rent under such an Association.

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 13 Contour. 15 Never. 18 End. 19 Reside. 21 Dredged. 22 Ears. 23 Part. 24 Recital. 26 Lasses. 29 Sot.
 31 Sisal. 32 Sternum. 34 Tales. 35 Out. 36 Debit. 37 Inter. 38 Needy.
 DOWN: 1 Capon. 2 Matters. 4 Fear. 5 Evened. 6 Roses. 7 Hewed. 9 Nun. 12 Puddles. 14 One. 16 Vital.
 17 Rests. 19 Resists. 20 Peals. 21 Dress. 23 Patrons. 24 Relate. 25 Toe. 27 Aired. 28 Satin. 30 Lutes
 32 Send. 33 Nut.
 CRYPTIC PUZZLE - ACROSS. 3 S-L-ide. 8 S-tee-r. 10 Rafts. 11 Rap. 12 Paper. 13 Foremen. 15 A-TT-ic.
 18 Nut. 19 Ad-here. 21 Address. 22. Runs. 23 Dons. 24 Sleeper. 26 S-M-ells. 29 Rig. 31 A0-rea.
 32 S-tern-ly. 34 An-Gus. 35 Eat. 36 Doing. 37 Me-gan, D DOWN: 1 Strop. 2 Dep-ends. 4 Loan. 5 Dreads.
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The Annual Golf Match in October was won by Pip Wilson with Reg. Mahoney close behind. (We are going to tie one hand behind their back next year !) Henry Crowe received a golf ball for the 9 hole game.

Harry Begent spoke on "Electricity" at our November meeting, to the enjoyment of everyone. He covered a period from the 1920's, with its parochial supply, through to the formation of the National Grid and its overhead power lines, which brought in its train larger generators located on the Coal fields or at coastal Oil Refineries. This increased the old 30,000 Kw. generators to as much as 660,000 Kw. and covered the move from coal to Nuclear boilers. His explanation of the problems which had to be faced caused some amusement as did his stories of his attendance at Posnan Fair in Poland and his visit to the Kariba Dam. Dr Neville Oswald thanks him on behalf of the members.

This copy is being written before the December Ladies Lunch, but the numbers are as good as last year and it is sure to be a success. Members are reminded that the January meeting is to be held at South Efford House, Aveton Gifford - turn left immediately at the bottom of the hill (at Bridge End

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Because of increasing membership the club now meets EACH FRIDAY at the Thurlestone Village Hall. It is intended that in future there will be rubber bridge available as well as Duplicate Bridge.

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The Final Local Plans for Kingsbridge (covering Thurlestone Parish) were expected to be submitted to the Devon County Council for a Certificate of Conformity with the County Structure Plan in December last, with a view to their being placed on public deposit in February (1986) for a period of six weeks for comments. A copy will be issued to the Parish Council and all representations received will be logged in the District Council Planning Dept.

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going from Thurlestone - owing to the Thurlestone Hotel being closed for alterations. The date - January 10th - so please let me know in good time if you cannot attend.

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Enthronement of the new Bishop of Exeter

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Crossing the Cathedral Close I am conscious of the square Norman towers, bathed in the clear October sunshine, standing guard, as they have done for over 900 years over the City of Exeter and the Cathedral Church of St. Peter. People were gathering at the West Door, and others taking their places at vantage points, and the feeling of expectation which vibrated in the atmosphere indicated that we all realised we would, in a variety of capacities, be playing some small part in the continuing history of the Cathedral during the next few hours.

As the representative of the Parish of South Milton I entered the Cathedral by the South West Door, and claimed my seat in the south aisle. The rustle of others taking their seats formed a background to my thoughts as I looked around in a building encapsulating almost a thousand years of Christianity in one glorious creation.

The groin-supported roof towered above, stretching in one unbroken line from the West Door to the candle lit beauty of the Altar. The windows glowed with colour while the flags and marble plaques on the walls reminded me that throughout the centuries famous and courageous men and women had passed this way before giving their hopes, their skills and their lives in the service of God, His Church, and their fellows.

The organ peals forth, and down the central aisle comes the procession of choirs, parish priests and their assistants, the black and white surplices and cassocks accentuated by the reds and greens of university hoods.

The West Door opens, the congregation rises to acknowledge the arrival of the representatives of Crown and State. The Queen, by whose command, as Head of the Church, the 69th Bishop of Exeter is to be enthroned, is represented by the Lord Lieutenant, the Courts of Justice by the High Sheriff, and Parliament by the local Member. The Mayor and Councillors of the City are also in the procession, their Officers proudly displaying the Sword and Cap of Maintenance given as a reward by Henry VII for the City's part in the defeat of Perkin Warbeck in 1497. The most ancient of the City Guilds, the Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen remind us that in past years Exeter serges and other wool products, made the City rich and prosperous.

After the National Anthem has been sung the company, now fully assembled, await the arrival of the Cathedral officials and, finally, our new Bishop. The West Door opens, and the ancient sacred ritual begins. In mediaeval times the Cathedral nave was the only place, within the City walls, suitable for meetings, public or private, so during daylight hours the nave was filled with people of all classes going about their business. When the Clergy processed from the Cloisters to the Quire to hold a religious service the path had to be cleared by an official entitled the Dogwhipper, and today when once more we prepare to enthrone a new Bishop, the path is cleared by the Dogwhipper wielding his rod.

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VILLAGE VOICE

ENTHRONEMENT OF THE NEW BISHOP OF EXETER - continued

The Silver Processional Cross leads the Choir and the Minor Officials to their places, while the bearer of the Gold Cross accompanies the Dean and Chapter to their stance inside the West Door, which is now locked.

Silence falls, and all wait expectantly for the traditional sign that the new Bishop has come to claim his throne.

One - Two - Three, the blows are heard throughout the silent building. The door is opened, a fanfare rings out, echoing and re-echoing from pillar to roof boss, and dying away amongst the intricate carvings of the Screen.

Question and answer follow each other as the new Bishop identifies himself, and is invited to enter his Cathedral.

The Bearer of the Golden Processional Cross advances, behind him forms the Bishop's Procession, and through the serried ranks of Clergy and Laymen the Lord Bishop, supported by his Assistant Bishops, and the Diocesan Officials and Attendants advance to the High Altar.

The Mandate confirming the Bishop's appointment is read, he then reaffirms his faith in the Holy Scriptures and the Historic Formularies of the Church of England and is led to the Throne, which for over 600 years has been the seat of Exeter's Bishops, the final act of enthronement takes place, and the Diocese welcomes its 69th Bishop.

The new Bishop is now led to the Golden Gates which divide the Quire from the Nave, is presented to the people assembled, mounts the Pulpit to deliver his sermon, during which he accepts his new responsibilities as our Spiritual Leader, but asks all present to accept their personal responsibilities towards others, and the spirituality of Society.

After the sermon the Bishop returns to stand before the High Altar, and pronounces the Benediction.

The Bishop's Procession reforms, and to the sound of organ music passes out of the Cathedral, through the great West Door, and I, with the hundreds of other participants step back into the 20th. century with the words of Leofric, the first Bishop of Exeter, in our minds and hearts.

A Blessing from the Missal of Leofric, first Bishop of Exeter
1050 A.D.

"May the Lord give you understanding of his wisdom and his
grace, and make you diligent in his service; may he nourish
you in the riches of His Gospel and make you persevere in all
good works; may he keep your steps from wandering, and direct
you in the paths of love and peace; And the blessing of
Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
upon you and remain with you always. Amen."

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Home, home from the horizon far & clear
Hither the soft wings of sleep;
Flocks of the memories of the day draw near
The dovecote doors of sleep

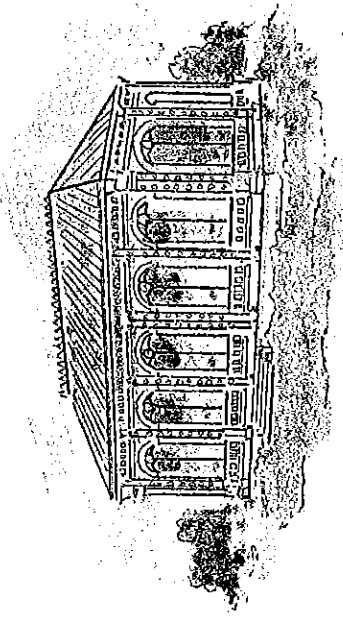
O, which are they that come
through sweetest light
Of all these homing birds?
Which with the straightest and
the swiftest flight?
Your words to me, your words!

ALICE MEYNELL

Victorian yesterdays

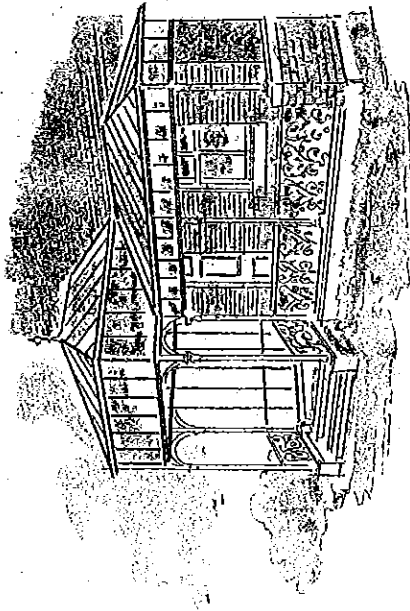
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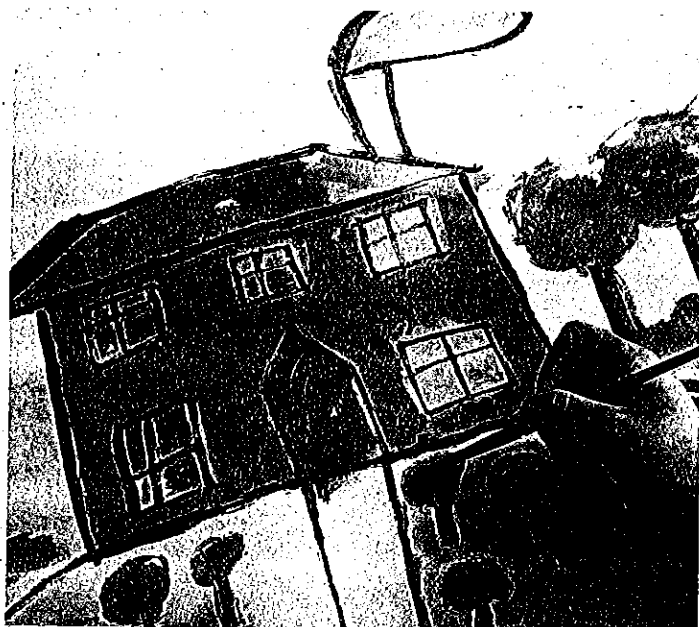
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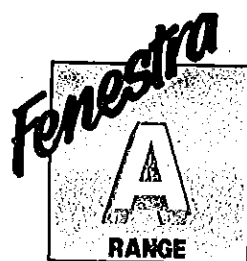
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Walter Dee ✓

VILLAGE VOICE

GOOD News on the Information Board 'front'. The total cost has now been worked out at £450.00 for two 20"x30" boards in four colours screen printed upon glass reinforced plastic with, at Bantham, a Stone Cairn construction for mounting the board in a flat position, and at Thurlestone, a Hardwood construction for mounting the board in an up-right position. The 'Good News' ? The Heritage Coast Service have agreed to find £250 - Mr. David Grose on behalf of the Thurlestone Hotel £100 and Mr Neil Girling of the Sloop £50 - so surely these generous contributions make it quite a 'bargain' to the parish to have two first class Information Boards for the balance - £50 !

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After a 15 year stint as the Parish Clerk, Mr Drabble has decided to retire - on March 31st, next - and the Parish Council hope to consider applications to fill the position early in January - so although the vacancy has already been advertised in the 'Gazette' - there could still be time for anyone who feels they could be of some little service to the community, to take over. Get in touch with any Parish Councillor or contact Mr. Drabble on 560533 or write to 10 Backshay Close South Milton, Kingsbridge. Don't forget the 'Kingsbridge' - for South Milton mail can find its way to South Molton!

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Do you happen to have taken a look at 'The Malthouse' Workshops and Gallery in Ebrington Street. Therein is offered a range of goods and services which you will find most comprehensive and well worth a visit. Ebrington Street runs at the rear of Oke Bros. old garage premises.

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When the Pearson Nursery School was situated at Bantham the Parish Council occasionally held Meetings in the small Schoolroom, but since it was transferred to Thurlestone the two villages, rather on the 'outskirts' of the parish, have not enjoyed the contact with their Parish Council to which they are entitled. But, there is more 'Good News' ! The Council have to thank Mr Neil Girling for making available The Ward Room at the Sloop with access from the rear of the premises - and the NEXT MEETING of the Parish Council will be held there on the 7th JANUARY 1986 at 7.30 p.m. - when it is expected that the new Secretary of the Devon Association of Parish Councils, Lt. Col. Leaver will be in attendance. This does not mean, of course, that Thurlestone villagers won't be as welcome as always - and I'm told The Ward Room is nice and warm - which will cut down on the arctic clothing often needed in that place I won't mention !!

Walter Dee

Chris Harkins



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The common Buzzard - Buteo Buteo

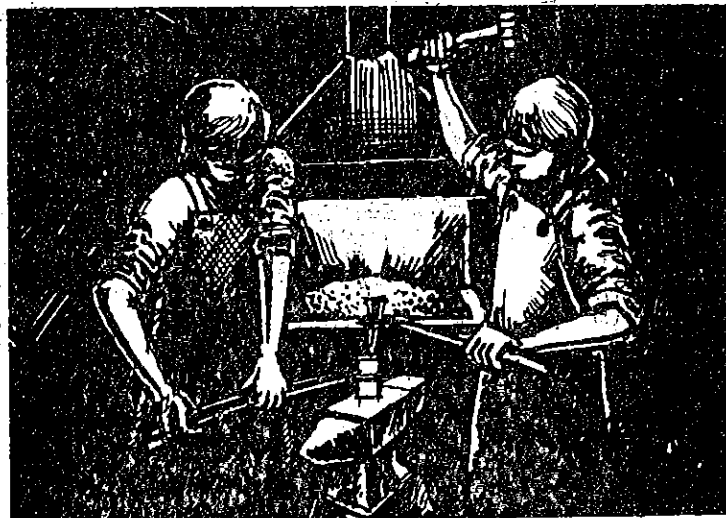
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Illustration and story
CHRIS HAWKINS

There are many natural harbingers of spring but surely there are few as impressive as the sight of a pair of Buzzards displaying near their nest. An eerie mewling cry cutting through the crisp morning air acts as an invitation to watch the graceful pre-nuptial rites of this large raptor. The birds spiral effortlessly upwards on unseen thermals apparently revelling in their mastery of the air. The male, being lighter, climbs faster than his mate and can be seen diving back down as if encouraging her to greater heights.

The Buzzard, like all raptors, has had a fraught relationship with mankind, being much persecuted in the last century. However, in recent times it has recolonised some of its former haunts. South Hams with its moorlands to the north and rugged coastline is good Buzzard country, and it is not uncommon to see it swooping across fields or perched on telegraph poles. It is reckoned that in Scotland virtually all sightings of "Golden Eagles" by the roadside are, in fact, Buzzards. In Devon, unfortunately,

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there are no Golden Eagles, so one can be reasonably certain that any large brown bird of prey that may be spotted will be a Buzzard.

Although this raptor may, on occasions, take game, its main prey is rabbit, which makes it of considerable help to the farmer. The Buzzard will also eat small birds and mammals, beetles and even earthworms. Although it prefers to hunt from a perch, such as a telegraph pole, it will take prey while on the ground or hovering.

The nest is a bulky affair made of sticks and small branches and is situated either in a tall tree or amongst craggy rocks. Two to three eggs are laid in early May.

Apart from the Kestrel the Buzzard is probably the most frequently seen raptor in the West Country. However, intensive agriculture and the 'urban spread' are slowly eroding the habitats of this and numerous other species of British wildlife. Surely the sight of this large graceful bird gliding effortlessly over our countryside should be cherished and not taken for granted.



May 1986 give you much joy and happiness

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

The South Hams District Council Policy and Finance Committee have considered an extensive report which set out the effect, on local authorities, of the above-mentioned legislation due to come into force on the 1st April 1986. Members were advised that the basic provisions of the Act affected:-

- (a) the convening and conduct of meetings of the council, Committees, and Sub-Committees.
- (b) the availability to the public, of documents such as minutes, agenda, reports and background papers;
- (c) the Council's duty to provide information relating to Members of the Council; the delegation of powers to officers and, in summary form, the public's statutory rights to attend meetings and gain access to documents.

The Committee was advised that it was the view of the Chairman and the officers that the Council should operate the new procedures with effect from the 1st. January 1986.

It was recommended that the officers take all necessary action to bring the provisions of the Act into effect from January 1st. 1986. and that the Chief Executive be designed as the 'Proper Officer' for the purposes of this Act.

WHAT IS IN A TITLE ?

The District Council Property Services Department should in principle be redesignated as the "Economic Development and Estates Management Unit".

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RURAL MINOR ROADS NETWORK

On the map issued by the Devon County Council for the observations and recommendation of Parish and Town Councils the road into the parish via Huxton Cross is fairly designated as a "Local Distributor acting as an Access Route" - but the section of roadway from Whitley to Elston Cross is designated a "Local road serving single or few premises." The Parish Council have requested that this route should also be classified as a "Local Distributor Route".

The new Link Road laid down in 1975 is not shown ! the route from South Milton to Thurlestone is still apparently round the headland of 'Links Court' ! It takes a little time to get these things right, one supposes.

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KINGSBRIDGE ESTUARY TIDAL BARRIER

The S.H.D.C. Leisure and Recreation Committee of the District Council recommend the Director of Technical Services be authorised to appoint appropriate consultant engineers to carry out a preliminary appraisal and a sum of £3000 included in the 1986-7 budget for that purpose.

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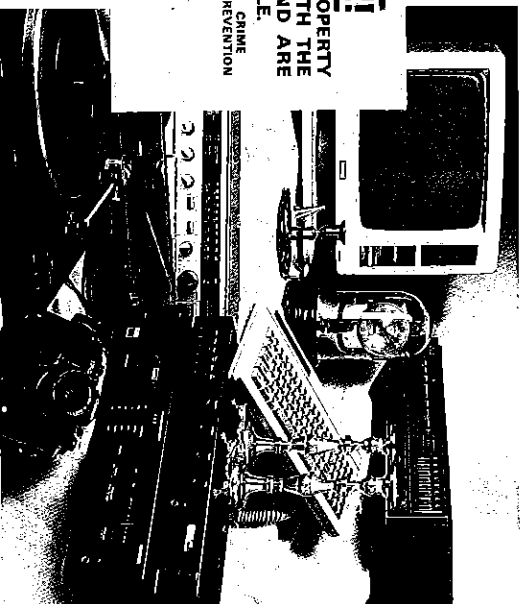
DISTRICT COUNCIL 'BEST KEPT VILLAGE'

Most people will have already seen that the Parish of Ermington has gained the £250 prize. Our parish got in a bit late in the day - but that should not be an excuse for 1986. What local organisation could make use of £250 ? If Ermington can do it surely this parish doesn't lack the necessary 'community spirit' ?

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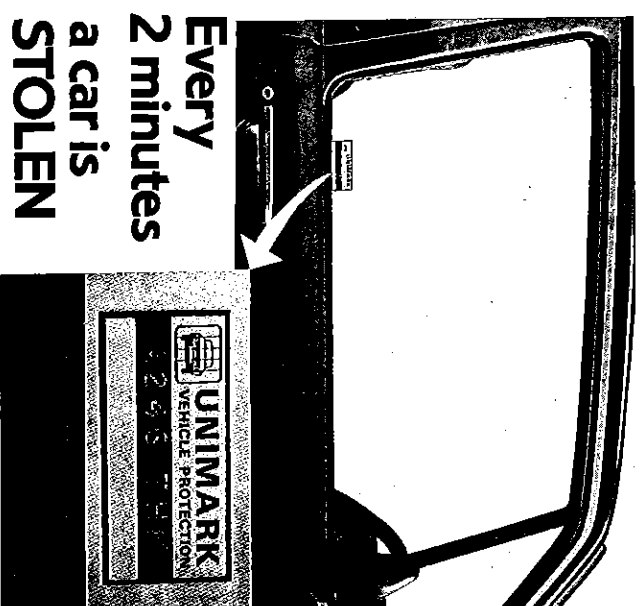
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